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Response to Reply Brief

1. The Reply Brief submitted on 8/1/06 has been noted and considered, but the Examiner feels that no further comment is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Appeals.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy S. Rao whose telephone number is (571)-272-7337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8 hours.

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